

I want rules in place that serve the public, rather than private, interest. I oppose taking a vote that leads to more media consolidation. On June 2nd, I urge you to retain the current ownership rules.

My experience after talking to a lot of people and attending conferences and panels in the music industry has been that everybody - and I mean everybody - has basically said to not even bother with radio anymore. They have written it off! Because of the consolidation of radio by Clear Channel the playlists have gotten restricted, no new indie artists or music that doesn't fit the mold is being added nor labels really are getting access to radio airplay the way it used to be. This is really hurting the music business because a large and important part of getting music out there used to be radio. Don't let that happen with media and the news as well. Spending a lot of my time in Europe has taught me already that the news the American public receives is by no means objective or unbiased (or even trying to be) but very manipulated and tainted. This is NOT democracy and freedom of speech and thought. This is governmental control of what they want the population to know about and think. Very, very scary and potentially extremely dangerous. Please don't let this happen but ensure an open and uncontrolled/ -biased news exchange and coverage. Thank you.